
VILLAGE OF SPARTA MAY BE MOVED

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Town.

The village of Sparta on the Mesaba range, two and one-half miles east of Eveleth, has a population of 960 and it is altogether probable that the town will be moved to some other location near the present site. It has met with the experience of Eveleth in its earlier days. Ore has been found under the townsite and this will make it necessary to remove the buildings. All last winter drills might have been seen at work in the main streets and alleys seeking to determine the extent of the

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mineral wealth that was believed to lie beneath. There is no official information to be had of the extent of the ore discoveries under the village, but the news has leaked out that the site is underlaid with an undeveloped iron mine and that is sufficient for the citizens to take it for granted that their buildings must eventually occupy other sites.

The expectation that the town will have to be moved has in a measure retarded building construction and public improvements. Sidewalks that are in need of repair are allowed to continue so, the village officials expecting to hear almost any time that the Oliver Iron Mining company, which controls the mineral rights in that vicinity, will wish to begin operations and that the town will be relocated. People who now make building improvements do so with a view to future removal. If the town has to be moved it will also be necessary for the Duluth & Iron Range and Duluth, Missabe & Northern roads to change their lines. The former runs on the north edge of the town and the latter on the south edge, about three blocks apart. The Iron Range is already planning to swing its main line to the south near the present site of the Lake View hotel, and close to the Missabe tracks. It is possible, therefore, that the Missabe road will

permanent site has been procured that it will take on a new and more vigorous growth. Nobody knows how far the town will have to be removed, unless it is the mining interests, and they make few disclosures of the ore they show up with the drills.

Sparta was started with the development of the Genoa mine, nine years ago. The Genoa is working two shifts at present. The Malta and Sparta are both operating. The Pettit mine is working a day shift and loading cars from stockpile. The Hobart mine is a new proposition that is being opened up near Sparta. It will be an underground mine, and is in charge of A. Maitland. The Cherry Valley Iron company and other interests control the property. The Republic Iron & Steel company has no interest in this mine, as might be assumed from Mr. Maitland's connection with it.

The officials of the village of Sparta are: President, Edward McHale; trustees, L. Rubenstein, Julius Bordeau and Carl Frederickson; recorder, D. M. Mouser; treasurer, Charles Gustafson.

The village of Sparta owns its own electric light and water plants, has a village hall and an excellent volunteer fire department. Peter Cosgrove is chief of police and chief of the fire department.

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not have to be moved, and that the roads will have permanent locations on that side of the village. The town-site is owned by the Murphy, Dorr & Flynn syndicate, and the mineral rights are controlled by the mining division of the Steel corporation. Drilling has been in progress in or in close proximity to the village of Sparta for the past two years. There is much ore in the neighborhood of this village and it is expected that when a new and

Sparta is situated on Ely lake, sometimes called Cedar Island lake, a beautiful sheet of water whose name is known to fame because of the litigation growing out of claims of settlers on its shores. The land claimed by the settlers as against the claims of the Murphy, Dorr and Flynn syndicate is covered with pine timber, and it is generally believed that it contains iron ore.

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